

MASSACHUSETTS
Workforce Investment Act
STEERING COMMITTEE

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☒ **Policy** ☐ **Information**

To: Chief Elected Officials
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Workforce Investment Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
DET Regional Directors
DET Area Directors

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Angelo Buonopane, Director
Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Date: November 16, 2000

Subject: Local MOU Submissions

Background: The Commonwealth required a Local WIA Plan submission to include MOU(s) with attachment and signatures by a minimum of 3 of the required One-Stop partners.

Policy: According to the Workforce Investment Act Final Rules (August 11, 2000), [662.310 (c)] “Any local area in which a local board has failed to execute an MOU with all of the required partners is not eligible for State incentive grants.” More recently, according to a draft document from USDOL, ‘WIA Implementation Readiness’, “MOUs which are substantially implemented include as signatories a majority of the mandatory One-Stop partners and the Local Board.”

While it is not the intention of the Commonwealth to approve or disapprove any locally signed MOUs, it is important that DLWD review all signed MOUs for consistency with Sections 121(c)(1) and Section 121(c) (2) of the WIA law.

Action

Required: Please submit copies of any signed MOUs that were not included with your local WIA plan to Kim McLaughlin, Deputy Director of Workforce Development. Providing DLWD with copies of signed MOUs will ensure that the Commonwealth is aware of what MOUs have been signed and which MOUs are

outstanding. It will also assist us in working with USDOL to help facilitate the granting of incentive funds.

If you are having problems negotiating an MOU with one of your local partners, please let Kim McLaughlin know either to provide technical assistance in the negotiations or to assist in an impasse situation.

Effective: Immediately

References: WIA Communications #00-04 & #00-18

Inquiries: Any questions related to this correspondence should be directed to Kim McLaughlin (ext. 104) at (617) 727-6573.

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